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Senator Maher, Representative Linehan, and members of the Committee on Children. I am from Mansfield, Connecticut. Today, I am speaking on SB 929, An Act Expanding School Meal Programs to Provide Free School Meals to All Students.

The last year has presented many financial challenges. Due to the proximity of Uconn local housing has exponentially inflated. Additionally, with the significant inflation that continues throughout the state, affording to send my child to school with a nutritious lunch is increasingly difficult. Community member are shopping at more big box stores to cut costs which has a negative impact on local stores in farmers. Please consider approving this bill as a way to support all aspects of our community.